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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Richard J. Guimond
Deputy Assistant Administrator, OSWER

FROM: Robert L. Duprey, Director *Pat Godsil for*
Hazardous Waste Management Division

SUBJECT: Richardson Flat Tailings Proposed NPL Site

This memo is regarding your September 1992 meeting with congressional staff to discuss the Richardson Flat Tailings proposed NPL site. I am writing to seek clarification from you on a statement made in follow-up correspondence generated by Congressman Owens and the PRP following the meeting.

The correspondence I am referring to are three separate letters to you from Congressman Wayne Owens, United Park City Mines (UPCM), and Rosemary Beless, the attorney representing UPCM. Copies of these letters are attached for your information.

I am specifically interested in statements made in these letters indicating that you assured those at the meeting that EPA would not undertake RI/FS or other studies at the Site until EPA has made a final decision as to the listing of the Site on the NPL. I would like clarification from you on this assurance. Clarification on this matter is important as this assurance bears on work on-going at the site as well as any future work we may deem necessary.

Please call me at (303) 293-1720 or my Deputy Director, Pat Godsil, at (303) 293-1789 at your earliest opportunity to discuss this matter. Thanks for your attention.

Attachments

cc: Carol Campbell, 8HWM-SM
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